





THE LOCAL CAMPAIGNS.

A meeting of representative Republicans was held at the county treasurer's office last evening, for the purpose of considering the propriety of placing party tickets in the field at the ensuing township and city elections. The meeting was largely attended by representative men of the party, and the best of feeling prevailed. Hon. A. T. Hill was called to the chair, and D. C. Corley, Esq., acted as secretary.

A motion to hold a convention for the nomination of a township ticket was passed without opposition, and the time fixed for Friday, March 31, at 7 p. m. The official call for the primaries will appear shortly. A motion was also adopted, requesting the chairman of the four election districts to call primaries in the five wards for the nomination of candidates for aldermen, and to arrange for a city convention. Afterwards a discussion arose as to the propriety of placing before the people the affirmative and negative of the license question, and such a diversity of opinion was manifested as to the feasibility of the plan that a motion to reconsider the vote upon the calling of a city convention was adopted, and the meeting then adjourned. The result of the consultation, therefore, was to decide to call a township convention, but not a city convention, and the municipal election will consequently be a "free for all" race.

The discussion upon the license question revealed the fact that neither side to the controversy was quite willing to lose sight of that issue in the city election, and vote for party candidates regardless of every other consideration. It was discovered that the positions of candidates for aldermen with regard to the matter of license would govern the choice of very many voters, and that consequently the time had not yet come for a party ticket.

At this meeting nothing like secrecy prevailed, the door standing wide open all the time, and yet one of the morning papers publishes a report of the proceedings which might as well have been written by one who was miles away, so far as accuracy is concerned. Speakers are reported as saying what probably never entered their heads, and what certainly did not pass their lips on this occasion, and the conclusions arrived at are not correctly stated.

The Census office at Washington has prepared a few stitched copies of the statistics of the public indebtedness of the United States, of the several states, of the counties, cities, towns, townships, and of the school districts. This work was compiled under the direction of Robert P. Porter, of Chicago, special agent of the census, and will make a volume of some 600 pages. The volume gives the population of Chicago at 503,181; its debt for the fiscal year, December 31, 1870, at \$13,048,000; sinking fund, \$248,729; and net debt per capita, \$25.43; county debt, \$1,791,500; sinking fund, \$111,217; township debt, \$677,750; floating debt, \$24,688; sinking fund, \$187,501; net debt, \$514,910; school district debt, \$1,788,684; city and town debt, bonded, \$13,155,050. The net debt per capita of some of the principal towns of Illinois is as follows: Alton, \$12.31; Aurora, \$2.15; Belleville, \$20.38; Bloomington, \$12.99; Cairo, \$29.96; Chicago, \$25.43; Decatur, \$8.30; East St. Louis, \$20.70; Elgin, \$3.91; Freeport, \$8.13; La Salle, \$4.59; Joliet, \$4.63; Moline, \$3.90; Ottawa, \$7.69; Peoria, \$24.49; Quincy, \$70.33; Rockford, \$13.59; Rock Island, \$24.70; Springfield, \$39.45.

True to their ancient traditions, the Democrats in congress fear to meddle with polygamy, lest it might not be "constitutional."

Mormonism may be said to have received a blow between the eyes yesterday, when the house passed what is known as the Edmunds bill, by a vote of 169 yeas to 42 nays. The bill was passed as it came from the senate, without amendment, and now only awaits the signature of the president to become a law.

"Our member," Hon. Jos. G. Cannon, did get to vote on the anti-polygamy bill yesterday, or the count would have shown an even 200 in favor of the measure. A special dispatch from Washington to the *Globe Democrat* says, in explaining Mr. Cannon's failure to vote:

He had been detained in his committee room on public business, and upon returning to the house found the roll call finished. He pleaded earnestly to cast his vote with the majority, but an objection was made on the ground that he only wanted to get into the record, and he was compelled to take his seat in a very unhappy frame of mind.

The Chicago Tribune of yesterday has a sensation—at least what will prove to be a sensation to a good many sheriffs and county treasurers in Illinois. That paper says the point has been raised that the amendment to the constitution adopted in 1880 renders ineligible for a re-election this year all the sheriffs and county treasurers now in office in the state. The point is in the proviso which is added to the amendment in these words: "That no person having once been elected to the office of sheriff or treasurer shall be eligible to re-election to said office for four years after the expiration of the term for which he shall have been elected." It has been supposed that this prohibitory clause applied only to such officers as would be elected subsequent to the adoption of the amendment, but it is said that some lawyers hold a different view, and that a sensation is imminent among the officeholders of these classes who desire to succeed themselves.

The Clinton Public of last week celebrates the tenth anniversary of the present editor's connection with the paper by enlargement and other visible marks of improvement. Mr. Butler has labored hard to build up the Public, and we are glad to know that his efforts have been appreciated by the people. He has achieved a marked degree of success, but not more than he deserves.

There are some very "cheeky" people in this great country of ours, and no mistake. In dead earnest, a constituent who thinks he has a right to "instruct" his member of congress, has written to the latter: "You ought to vote not only against the repeal of the amendments of pensions bill, but also should introduce and pass a bill to give pensions to those who hired substitutes to go in to the army, because substitutes were very high, and we never got our money back."

The Decatur Morning Herald appears to-day in enlarged form, having added a column to each page, and announces that Virgil N. Hostetler has been admitted into a partnership in the office.

A case was recently decided in a Canadian court which establishes an important point as to the rights of church worshippers. The defendant was a gentleman who rented a pew in a church and was accustomed to sleep during the sermon, and worse than that, to snore. The snoring was declared a nuisance by the brethren, and they sought to compel him to give up his pew. He refused to do so, and took his stand upon the fundamental position that he paid for his pew, that it was his own, and that he could do what he pleased with it. The brethren thereupon brought suit against him, charging him with maintaining a nuisance. The court decided "that a pew is like a berth in a sleeping car. The person who hires it can sleep or stay awake, and can snore or not, as seems good to him. Furthermore, as snoring is not an act of volition, but is incidental to the relaxation of certain muscles, there is no nuisance or premeditated malice in it. Consequently the snorer is not a vicious disturber of the peace of the church." The snorer has returned to his place, and the brethren now threaten that at the expiration of the time for which he has hired the pew it shall not be relet to him. In answer, the bold snorer says he will apply for a mandamus compelling the church to rent him the property. The case is an aggravating one, but it would seem as if some means might be devised that would make it so lively for the snorer that he would take himself and his trumpet elsewhere.

"The man who has done the meanest thing ever recorded against a human being," is said by a Fargo (Dakota) newspaper, to live in Grand Forks. The *Herald*, of the latter place, published a large special edition for general distribution, and many enterprising citizens of the Forks paid handsomely for advertising space to help the scheme along. The man who did the meanest thing ever recorded against a human being, according to the Fargo code of morals, is said to have purchased a large number of copies, and having his name printed on slips the width of the newspaper columns, pasted them over the name of a merchant who had a flaming advertisement of a similar business, and then sent the papers East with his compliments. This sort of thing has shocked every newspaper man west of the Mississippi, and some of them are hinting that similar misdemeanors will lead to violence and bloodshed.

The Washington Star says "that the Chinese Minister apparently enjoys society very much. He does not yet understand English, but is very observant, and seems to comprehend much of what is going on about him through watching actions and gestures. He could not have his interpreter with him at the state dinner at the White House last week, and so was the only person there who did not at all understand any of the languages spoken by the others present. When he makes calls, as he does daily, his interpreter always accompanies him. His wife does not have any opportunity of learning English, since no one except her husband and her women servants, all of whom are Chinese, are permitted to be with her."

OSCAR WILDE met his match when he visited Chicago in the reply of a young lady who was wont to use the adjective "nice" under all circumstances, and very much to the disgust of the too particular aesthete. "I think nice is a very nasty word," said he. "Do you think nasty is a nice word?" asked she.

The estate of Moses Brown, of Newburyport, Mass., who died in 1827, is about to be distributed in accordance with the terms of the will. The public gifts are as follows: American Board, \$12,000; American Home Missionary Society, \$5,000; American Bible Society and Woman's Board of Missions, \$3,000 each; Ladies' Education Society, of Jacksonville, \$3,000; the American Tract Society, of Boston, the American Seaman's Friend Society, and the American Missionary Association, \$2,000 each; the Belleville Congregational Society of Newburyport, \$8,000; the North Congregational Society, of Newburyport, \$4,000. The remainder of the estate is divided among about 100 persons, and the sum distributed is about \$100,000. The heirs under the will include residents of eighteen states and of the Sandwich Islands.

As though the loss of the "Jeannette" and her crew were not enough for one generation, the French cabinet has indorsed a scheme for an international scientific expedition toward the south pole. The southern hemisphere offers as great attractions, to say the least, to polar explorers, as the northern, because it is more of a terra incognita. Lieutenant Bove, of the Italian navy, is now at work on a scientific survey of the coast of Patagonia and Terra del Fuego, under the joint instructions of his government and that of the Argentine Republic. No well equipped Antarctic expedition has been sent out from any quarter since steam came into use, and the prospect is good for interesting discoveries.

The Cincinnati Gazette is of the opinion that the alleged Garfield-Chase-Rosecrans letter is a forgery, and says:

The malice of this publication of an alleged confidential letter, and the circumstance that this is part of an onslaught of mud-throwing on President Garfield's memory, made by the same Stalwart faction which reviled him when he became president, make the latter so suspected that only the production of the original could remove the incredulity. There is a circle which is trying to make Garfield respectable by the manner and more cowardly offense of trying to assassinate the character of the president whom Garfield only murdered. But they are over-doing it, and it will react on themselves.

One of the meanest men of the century was asked by a newsboy after dark, in Springfield, Mass., to buy a paper. He asked if change would be given for half a dollar, and was told by the boy that he had only forty cents. "Very well, my son," and the man gave the boy a fatherly pat on the head as he took the small coins and paper in exchange for the large one—which turned out to be a lead advertising token.

The combined Barnum and London circuses and menageries made a grand street parade Saturday night in New York city. There were in line thirty-three golden chariots, twenty-two elephants, twenty camels, ten giraffes, sixteen open dens of wild animals, 200 mounted horsemen, and seventy cages of all kinds of birds, reptiles, etc. Along the line were scattered 1,200 men with torches, besides calcium and other lights.

About \$1,000,000,000 of the national debt has been paid since the war ended. France has now nearly trebled the debt of the United States, and Great Britain more than doubled. Even Spain has a bigger debt than that which remains of the United States.

The New York correspondent of the Buffalo Commercial Advertiser says that the fellow who walks along Broadway with a cane or umbrella sticking out behind under his arm always strikes him as just the right sort of a fellow to be knocked down and dragged through the mud for a block or two.

Passengers going west by the afternoon train on the Wabash make sure connection at Quincy for all points in Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado. Bear this in mind. 14-43

THERE are no departments in dry goods which deserve more consideration from ladies than Hosiery, Gloves and Corsets, and it will surprise those who would walk five blocks to save 1 cent a yard on calico, when we assure them that many of these articles are retailed from 25 to 40 per cent higher than we sell them. feb13-d&wt.

WE WANT your custom, and think we can offer you inducements if you will come and see us, which will be sufficient to satisfy you that our store is the best place in town to trade. Bargains are to be had every day this winter. adwt.

REMOVAL. Miss Sargent, M. D., has removed to Central block. Her office is over Mrs. Hamsher's store. Entrance on Merchant street, just north of board of trade. feb2-d&wt.

"FAIR DEALING" is our standard! "ONE PRICE" is our anchor! "PERMANENT POPULARITY" is our goal. CHAS. E. PRICE. ONE-PRICE CLOTHING MANUFACTURER.

Not to be found at Decatur's One-Price Clothing House—Hats that no person ever heard of before, such as B. Hats, B. B. Hats, Boss Hats, Boss B. Hats, B. B. Hats, etc., but hats with a world-wide reputation, such as Stetson Hats, Chicago Hats, and imported Hats are always to be found there. [mar13-d&wt]

A. C. STIVERS will be pleased to show you anything in the line of city property or suburban residence property, and also many valuable farms in Macon county. Office over Armstrong's drug store, first room. 8-42w

COLORADO Silks just received, in various shades, imported expressly for us, and will be sold cheap. LEWIS & SCROOGES. feb22-d&wt.

SHRELANDER'S Patent Process Flour retains all the nourishment contained in the wheat. None of its virtues are wasted. Try it. feb18-d&wt

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

WASHINGTON.

The Probable Fate of Lieut. DeLong.

Municipal Elections.

WASHINGTON, D. C. March 14.—The president, in a special message to congress to-day, transmitted the communication from the National Board of Health in relation to legislation for the prevention of the spread of infectious diseases. The communication sets forth that the National Board of Health has advised showing the continued spread of small pox, especially along the lines of the transportation of immigrants, and the board thinks that the spread will continue during the current year, unless prevented. They recommend such amendments to the act of June, 1870, for the prevention of the introduction and the spread of contagious diseases, as will make the provisions of that act applicable to all vessels sailing from foreign ports, without imposing upon the United States government the obligation of proving that such port is infected, also a specific provision requiring the vaccination of all emigrants not previously vaccinated.

BANGOR, ME., March 14.—Strickland, Republican, was re-elected mayor by over 1,000 plurality over Brown, the Citizens', Greenbacker and Democratic candidate, and 900 over all. The total vote is 2,390. Last year the Republican majority was 22 in a total vote of 2,703.

NEW YORK, March 14.—Mrs. Melville, wife of Lieutenant Melville, engineer of the Jeannette exploring expedition, has received a letter from her husband in which he speaks of DeLong and the others as having perished at the mouth of the Lena river, and intimates that when he set out on the search in which he is now engaged, it was without the hope of finding his comrades alive, but simply to perform the melancholy duty of discovering, if possible, their dead bodies, and whatever traces in their hardships and adventures they might have left behind them.

LISBON, ILL., March 14.—The city election yesterday resulted in nearly a clean sweep for the license ticket, the temperance party electing but one candidate, an alderman. Senator Abram Mayfield is elected mayor. The city has been under prohibition rule the past year, but saloons will now be licensed. The liquor men had a great justification over the result last night.

Mrs. E. L. Lockwood, residing near here, walked half a mile to the funeral of a neighbor. On her way home she was suddenly stricken with paralysis, and fell to the ground. Her husband found her soon afterwards in a dying condition. She lived but a few hours.

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., March 14.—A bitter strife in the Champaign city council over the whiskey license contest is now in the circuit court and creates great excitement. George W. Gere, a prominent lawyer and alderman of the city, attempted to force the anti-liquor ordinance through, and Mayor Wilcox refused to entertain the motion and ordered him repeatedly to sit down, after which he had him ejected forcibly from the council room. Gere sues the mayor and marshal for damages in the sum of \$5,000 each. Able talent is employed on both sides, and the contest is hot and paves the way for an exciting contest at the approaching election.

Nineteen Reasons.

A great many people cannot understand why the female portion of the community prefer sober men. The matter is simple enough:

1. Wives like sober husbands because they can reason with a sober man.
2. The sober man is more companionable.
3. Sober men have pride, and pride is a woman's main hold.
4. Sobriety means a comfortable home.
5. Good clothes for mother and children.
6. A house of your own.
7. Evenings at home instead of in a bar-room.
8. Better health and the enjoyment of life.
9. An elevated view of life and a sense of your responsibility.
10. You are a credit to your wife and children.
11. People who once despised you will now bless you.
12. Your word will be gauged as you resist the tempter.
13. Young men will pattern after you.
14. You will be an ornament to society and the whole town in which you live.
15. The whole community will take pride in you and wish they had more like you.
16. Your family and friends will appreciate you.
17. Your enemies will admire your path of sobriety.
18. Scoffers will be disarmed by you.
19. Your many good qualities will grow with your years.

In order to dispel certain rumors injurious to his credit on the bull side, Jay Gould, yesterday, according to a New York dispatch, took a few prominent operators to his office, opened the vaults, and showed them securities of the par value of \$60,000,000 or more, all registered in his name. The largest bundle was \$23,000,000 in Western Union Telegraph bonds. He also offered to exhibit \$30,000,000 in railroad bonds, but the gentlemen were satisfied to take his word.

Hats in all shapes, to suit all heads, to look well, wear well, and suit your pocket, just in at STIVERS. feb22-d&wt

HARRINGTON NOTES. Rev. Hall, of Decatur, preached very acceptably in the Christian Church, on Sunday, morning and evening.

The winter school for the primary department of this place closed on the 13th inst. A short summer term will open on the 20th.

A lady from Decatur was looking up a school Monday.

C. T. Pomeroy closes his winter term at the Hill school house on the 17th inst. Mr. P. will teach the summer school in the Stringtown district. X.

Queer Capers of Jack Frost.

A very peculiar and fantastic freak was performed by Jack Frost Tuesday night. A common bucket, used for watering horses, about two-thirds full of water, was allowed to stand out in the open air. Next morning the surface of water was frozen and there was readily traceable a gothic church window, and this was sunk in the ice the same as the window in the side of the church. But this is not the only remarkable feature of this curious handiwork of the frost. The bucket is the property of Rev. Robert Conover, pastor of the Lexington Presbyterian church, and it was at his residence that the church ice window was found.—Lexington Ill. Leader.

WE GIVE AWAY. 12 yards of 7 1/2 cent (actual value) calico, to every purchaser of Five Dollars' worth or over. Our goods are all marked in Plain Selling Figures, and no advantage is or can be taken on account of the above offer.

WE ALSO GIVE AWAY. A handsome box of United Stationery with every purchase of one dollar or over.

Big 18. Feb. 18-d&wt

Don't buy your new Hat until you see the immense new line just received at STIVERS. feb22-d&wt

New Millinery Store.

Miss Mellicie Chew has opened her new millinery store. She will keep as handsome a line of millinery goods as is shown in Decatur, and would say to all her former customers and friends, call and see her, second door north of E. L. Hays & Co., on Water st. March 7-d&wt

Remarkable. Lina & Sengue have furnished with carpets nearly every new house in Decatur within the last five years, and sold more carpets last year than was ever sold in Decatur in one year. feb14-d&wt

Summer Suits.

Just received a very choice line of stripes and checks. See them. Big 18. 3 d&wt

We make the assertion that we have just received the largest stock of Blue Plaid Shirts ever brought to Decatur. Plenary, the French Cutler, corner of old square. mar14-d&wt

Witness the Great Overcoat Sale at Cheap Charles'. Remember he has reduced the prices of them to less than cost of manufacture. Call and see, whether you wish to buy or not. mar14-d&wt

We are for cash, buy cheap, sell on low margins, try to get the best made and most durable goods that we can find; try to please our customers, never make any misrepresentations knowingly, always willing to correct mistakes, want your trade. Come and see us; we are always glad to see old friends and make new ones. BANNER & BAKER. 43-wt

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Grand Shakespearean Event.

WEDNESDAY EVE. MARCH 15.

Appearance of the Popular Tragedian.

THOS. W. KEENE

Supported by a

SPECIALY SELECTED COMPANY.

Under the Management of

WM. R. HAYDEN,

Presenting Shakespeare's Sublime Tragedy,

RICHARD III.

Duke of Gloster, THOS. W. KEENE.

Prices, 50 and 10 cents. Reserved seats \$1.00. Sale of seats will commence at Curtis & Co.'s jewelry store, Monday morning, March 15th, at 8 o'clock. HART PHILLIPS, Business Manager. MARCH 15-d&wt

OPERA HOUSE

ONE NIGHT ONLY.

Thursday, March 16.

The talented Actress and Vocalist,

ANNIE PIXLEY,

Supported by a company of genuine merit, in Bret Harle's charming play,

M'LISS,

Child of the Sierras.

Popular prices—35, 50 and 75 cents; reserved seats without extra charge. Sale of seats will commence at Curtis & Co.'s on Monday morning, March 13, 8 o'clock.

NOTICE.

My wife, Catherine Troutman, having left my bed and board without just cause, I hereby warn all persons not to trust or harbor her on my account, as I will pay no debts of her contracting. I also warn all persons against negotiating with her (or any promissory notes payable to me) in her possession, as payment upon the same has been stopped. March 13-d&wt JOHN THOUTMAN.

Desirable Lots

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These Lots are situated on high ground, which make them specially desirable. Lots of one acre or more WOULD BE SOLD IMMEDIATELY west of the addition to parties desiring same for homes.

Prices and Terms Reasonable.

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Feb. 22, 1882-43w

Given Away. We cannot help noticing the liberal offer made to all invalids and sufferers by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. You are requested to call at Hubbard & Strearling's drug store and get a Trial Bottle free of cost, if you are suffering with Consumption, Severe Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, Hay Fever, Loss of Voice, Hoarseness, or any affection of the Throat or Lungs. It will positively cure you. 6

WANTED, LOST, FOUND, &c.

(Notices in this column, of five lines or less, will be inserted one week for 25 cents, payable in advance. No trade advertisements inserted in this column.)

WANTED—A competent grocery clerk. Address H. Lock Box 173. feb13-d&wt

PURE LIGHT BRAHMA EGGS for sale at fifty cents per setting. J. J. HALSTED. March 16-d&wt

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN—A good house containing five rooms, good cellar, with well and cistern, good stable, fruit trees, and large lot, all in good condition. Apply to R. MCGORRATH, No. 8 East Main street. March 14-d&wt

WANTED—A customer for a good investment. I offer the recent lot east and adjoining Linn & Scruggs' store, 7 blocks of land, at a decided bargain. Apply to J. E. KINNEY, at the American Express Office. March 15-d&wt

WANTED—A party to buy or lease to manufacture and sell on really my lately patented "Bureka Music Holder," for hands. For particulars address Prof. A. Goodman, Decatur, Ill. mar14-d&wt

WANTED—By a young man of 17, a situation. Willing to do any kind of work. Good references can be had. Apply at this office. mar14-d&wt

FOR RENT—Three furnished rooms in a private house, two blocks from business square. For particulars enquire at this office. March 6-d&wt

CHEAP LOTS—For sale to parties intending to build. Apply to MONTGOMERY & SHULL. feb22-d&wt

PRISONERS who contemplate erecting residences or business houses will find it to their interest to address Box 1037. Plans and specifications given and best of reference furnished. feb22-d&wt

FOR RENT—Rooms on second floor over "Peary's," now on application. J. M. CLARK. Feb. 18-d&wt

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Selected from the

Best Manufacturers.

Parlor Suits,

YOU Bed Room Sets

Easy Chairs,

Sewing Chairs,

MIRRORS, CAN

Dining Room Outfits,

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Mattresses,

Pillows,

SAVE All Fresh,

New Goods,

Bought for Cash,

To be sold at a

Very Small Profit.

Rogers' Silverware,

40 Styles LAMP, MONEY

Glassware,

Queensware,

AT Bird Cages,

Cooking Stoves,

Quick Bakers,

Kitchen Outfits,

Refrigerators, LIDDLE'S

20 Styles of

Baby Carriages,

Etc. Etc. Etc.

Everything you want for Housekeeping, at Lower Prices than ever.

Goods Carefully Packed and Shipped without Extra Charge.

You are respectfully requested to call and see the Goods on sale in the Four Large Store Rooms in Court House Block.

March 15-d&wt

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WHO KNOWS WHEN

Steamboats will Sink or Burn?

Boilers or Lumps will Explode?

Horses will take Flight and Run?

Dricks or Timbers will Fall?

Fire Burns or Lightning Strikes?

Machinery will Crush or Mangle?

Ticks or Cries will Kill?

Splinters or Nails will Wound?

Slips or Falls will Happen?

Hammers or Wedges will Bruise?

Animals will Kick or Bite?

Lumps will be Sprained or Broken?

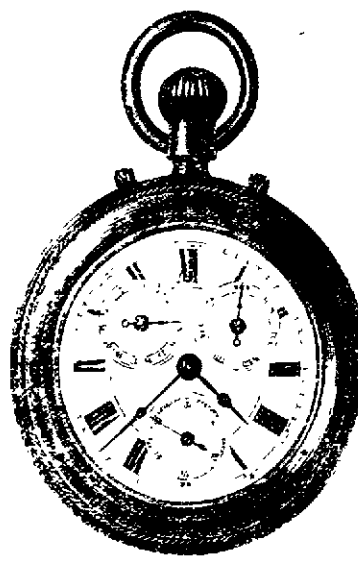
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We are Still Offering Watches at the Low Prices of December and January.



These goods include all grades of ROCKFORD, ELGIN, WALTHAM, SPRINGFIELD, HAMPTON & HOWARD, and a great many of the FINEST IMPORTED WATCHES.

If you want a good Watch we can save you money; but we DO NOT KEEP any "Snide Watches for trading purposes," as you find so often advertised.

In order to take advantage of all the discounts given Jobbers, we made contracts for great numbers of all the makes of American Watches, to be delivered during December, January and February. We have been making a

## SPECIAL SALE

of these goods for two months, and will continue during this month. We do this in order to enable us to handle these large quantities of Watches, and thereby get the discounts only to be had by those who can handle enough Watches to RANK AS A JOBBER.



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Best line soft finish Cheviots ever offered in this market, 12½ cts.

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Per week, payable in advance, \$1.50.  
One year, in advance, \$15.00.  
Six months, " " 8.00.  
Three months, " " 4.50.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 15, 1882.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce FRED J. SMITH as a candidate for reelection to the office of town assessor at the April election.

We are authorized to announce CHARLES M. CALDWELL as a candidate for reelection to the office of town assessor at the April election.

We are authorized to announce JOHN A. BARNES as a candidate for reelection to the office of town assessor at the April election.

We are authorized to announce CHARLES C. HADCLIFF as a candidate for reelection to the office of town assessor at the April election.

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

BABY CARRIAGES, in beautiful styles, just opened up, by E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & CO'S.

COSMOPOLITAN.

"RICHARD III" to-night.

See the dandy show at Ferriss & Co's.

CHEMISTRY butter, 45 cents per pound.

The township Republican convention will be held on the 31st inst.

An entire new stock of Hats just received at B. STINE'S.

The Republicans will nominate candidates for township offices.

The high school scholars did splendidly last night. They had good training and were up to the mark.

The Maraca tax collector had better be looking after his laurels. The Ninetic collector is close upon him.

It is earnestly desired that there be a full attendance of the membership and friends at the First M. E. Church prayer meeting to-night.

Secure your tickets for the Miss Morgan dramatic reading at the opera house on the 24th.

It is stated that Prof. Richardson will play the Decatur Minstrel and Pleasure Party at the ball roller skating rink in the near future.

ALL fastidious smokers call for Schroeder's Bohemian cigars. They sell at a nickel each.

D. W. MAPPEL will soon appear on the streets with his latest purchase, "Blacksmith Mail," a fine \$500 trotter that he bought of Andy Dunston a short time ago. Andy says "the Mail can trot as fast as a man can fall down a coal shaft."

LADIES' shoes cheaper than ever at L. L. FERRIS & CO'S.

The Hibernal cornet band had a practice meeting last night. This new band will play at the Land League meeting on Friday night at the court house.

The Annie Pixley company carry 25 sets of new and original scenery, to be used in the rendition of "Nights" to-morrow night.

LINCOLN went license by a large majority. Mayfield, license candidate, was elected mayor by 133 majority, and O. C. Sharp, a former resident of Decatur, who ran on the independent ticket, was elected city attorney by 68 majority.

SPECIAL attention is directed to-day to the change in R. Liddle's advertisement. He carries a fine display of furniture and an immense stock of queenware goods. Give Liddle a call before purchasing elsewhere.

The action of Carter's Little Liver Pills is pleasant, mild and natural. They gently stimulate the bowels but do not purge. They are sure to please. Sold by Hubbard & Swearingen.

LACE curtains, beautiful lambrequins, and a charming lot of household novelties, can be found at Abel & Locke's old established carpet house.

SEVERAL plain drinks were disposed of in the justice courts on yesterday afternoon. Before Justice Lowry on Monday a woman named Cowan and one Weirick will have a hearing on a charge of being inmates of and maintaining a lewdly house.

It is specially desired that there be a full attendance of the veterans at the rehearsal meeting to be held at the Armory of the Decatur Rifles on next Saturday evening. The veterans will give their second entertainment, which will be considerably better than the first, in a few weeks.

PURCHASE the most stylish wall-paper at Abel & Locke's. Their stock is large and varied.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made for a railway men's Gospel service at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Episcopal House of Prayer, on East Eldorado street, to be conducted by delegates to the Y. M. C. A. Conference. W. L. Miller, Assistant Ticket Agent of the Pullman Palace Car Company, Chicago; S. C. King, Gen. Sec'y, of the Railway Association at East St. Louis, and other railway men will be present at this service. Railway men specially invited to be in attendance.

THERE will be a public meeting of the Decatur Land League at the court house on the evening of the 17th of March, 1882. The Rev. Father Mackin, Mr. James B. Graham, of Ivesdale, Ill., and Capt. J. S. Post will address the meeting. Music by the A. O. H. Band, and songs by the Glee Club will enliven the evening. Everybody is invited to attend.

WORTHY OF PRIZE.

As a rule we do not recommend Patent Medicines, but when we know of one that really is a public benefactor, and does positively cure, then we consider it our duty to impart that information to all. Electric Bitters are truly a most valuable medicine, and will surely cure Biliousness, Fever and Ague, Stomach, Liver and Kidney Complaints, even where all other remedies fail. We know whereof we speak, and can freely recommend them to all. Each bottle fifty cents a bottle by Hubbard & Swearingen.

THE People's Favorite Clothier is CHEAP CHARLEY'S. Because his clothing is made so well and cut so nicely. Because his assortment is so varied and fashionable. Because his salesmen are so obliging and gentlemanly, and take so much time and pains to please his customers. It is an acknowledged fact that nearly all well-dressed young men, boys and children are fitted out at the Fashionable Clothing Emporium of CHEAP CHARLEY.

As you pass the corner of Main St. and the old square, notice those elegant hats in the window.

#### A SUPERB SHOW

Was the Piano Fund Entertainment Last Night at the Opera House.

An immense audience—one that nearly filled the hall to its fullest capacity—attended at the opera house last night to witness the entertainment given by the pupils and teachers of the institution for the benefit of the High School piano fund; and it may be truthfully stated that each and every performer who had been patiently and carefully trained, taught and drilled by the members of the high school faculty, did splendidly, the whole performance being varied, attractive and entertaining, beyond the expectations of those who had not witnessed any of the rehearsals. Both comedies ran smoothly, and both created no little amusement, the applause being frequent and generous. The performers spoke their lines promptly and with dramatic effect. The German comedy was Greek to most of the audience, but it was none the less entertaining, for there was enough laughable stage business to relieve the apparent monotony. The gymnastic exercises and military drills were among the treats of the evening. 40 pupils in bright costume taking part in the former and keeping perfect time to the orchestral music. The young ladies of the "broom and dust pan brigade," commanded by Annie Henkle, who followed the soldiers, brought down the house with a crash and occasioned no end of fun. The take-off on the Guards was received with a storm of applause. The vocal solos and opening choruses were all artistically given, while the beautiful tableaux, with the red and blue lights, were superb. The instrumental selections by the Pleiades and by the young ladies on the Haines Bros' piano, were also received with marks of appreciation.

The entertainment consumed about two hours' time, and the best evidence of its merit was the hearty applause and the fact that no one left until the curtain fell on the last tableau.

The gross receipts of the entertainment foot up \$275. The expenses were very light.

#### THE PROGRAMME.

The following was the programme of exercises observed:

Adella Overture. Pleiades

Chorus. Patriotic Glee

COMEDY OF ERRORS. D. W. Haines

Antipholus of Ephesus. D. W. Haines

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#### A \$3,500 Sale Near Harrisburg.

There was a good attendance of Decatur and country people at Supervisor J. N. Hoyt's advertised sale of stock and implements on his farm near Harrisburg on Tuesday, the amount of the sale aggregating \$3,500. Before lunch consisting of sandwiches and hot coffee was served, a lot of stock hogs and farming implements, were sold at good figures. Then came the sale of the horses which were purchased by the following named persons: "Ethel," Thomas Talbot, \$250; "Fred," same, \$180; "Lucy," same, \$25; "Philip," H. C. Allen, \$12; "Hank and Major," fine match driving team, Nicholas Lutz, \$325; "Sadie," A. Knight, \$18; "Sam," E. Wade, \$15; "Patsy," H. Carr, \$13; a thoroughbred gelding, Dr. J. L. Connelly, \$10; "Riley," John Hanks, \$12; "Fanny," Albert Eaton, \$12. The five mules brought \$771. A son of Colonel Judy acted as auctioneer, the old gentleman being too ill to attend the sale, and Dr. Connelly served as clerk.

#### Candidates.

Charles M. Caldwell is in the field for reelection as commissioner of highways, provided the Republican township convention says so. Charley has made a good officer, and if re-elected will perform his duties to the entire satisfaction of the people.

We felt sure yesterday, when Fred Smith entered our office with outstretched palm, that something was about to happen, and to-day he announces his willingness to again sacrifice himself upon the altar of his country—in the assessor's office. As proof of his fitness he proudly points to his first record, and says he has sought in vain for the taxpayer who is dissatisfied with his assessment. Fred is "a good one."

#### PERSONAL MENTION.

Fred Smith is around shaking hands again. What more need be said?

W. H. Linn is expected to arrive home from New York to-morrow. A big stock of new dry goods will follow them.

Miss Callie Ham arrived home this noon from a five months' visit among relatives and friends in Nebraska.

Capt. Chris Riebsamen, formerly of this city, has been nominated by the Republicans for alderman of the second ward in Bloomington. The Republican candidate for Mayor of Bloomington is Mr. Peter Whitmer, one of the most respected men of the city.

Josiah Esby is home from Tazewell county, whither he went a few days ago to sell 20 acres of timber land he owns in that county. He wants \$60 per acre for it, and will probably sell the land to his old friend, Mr. Shurtliff, who knew Joe intimately in his bachelor days. Mr. Esby also owns 80 acres of prairie farming land in Tazewell county.

#### A New Officer.

Manager Haines has employed Mr. J. B. Fielder, the high school janitor, to go on duty at once as permanent policeman at Smith's opera house. He was sworn in to-day by Clerk Hardy. Those who believe themselves improperly at the opera house in future will be promptly arrested by Officer Fielder and yanked before the nearest justice of the peace. There will be less boisterous conduct among the small fry in the gallery hereafter.

#### News from Macon.

I. A. McIntyre is in the city to-day. He came up from Macon this morning. He says Mr. Cecil, who is down with the small-pox, is at his worst to-day, and it is feared that he cannot recover. Mr. Allison has reopened his drug store, having recovered from his slight indisposition. Mrs. Henderson, who has been reported ill with the small-pox, was doing her week's washing on Tuesday.

#### THE DECATUR STAGE.

KEENE TO-NIGHT.

The celebrated tragedian, Mr. Thomas W. Keene, and his talented dramatic company arrived in the city to-day and will be greeted by a representative Decatur audience at the opera house to-night, when Shakespeare's thrilling tragedy, "Richard III," will be presented in the most artistic manner. During the past few days we have given place to strong testimonials from Boston papers as to Mr. Keene's ability as an actor of the highest order, and the result has been an unusually large take of reserved seats. The prospects for an overflowing parquette and gallery were never more flattering. General admission, 30 and 75 cents; reserved seats, \$1.00. Go early. "N. L. S."

To-morrow evening one of the handsomest and cleverest specialty actresses on the American stage, Miss Annie Pixley, will appear as "Miles," supported by a splendid company. Said the Memphis Avalanche:

We have heretofore recorded our conviction of this gifted actress and pretty woman. In her line she is unequalled, combining the traits and chief of Lotta with the richness of Charlotte Thompson. We know no actress who could combine so much in this part as does Miss Pixley, and we are sure our public will always welcome her to the stage with the warmth and enthusiasm they showed last night.

Popular prices, 50, 50 and 75 cents.

"MY SWEETHEART."

On Tuesday evening, March 21st, Minnie Palmer will delight our people as she has thousands of others this season. The Baltimore Sun said:

One of the most delightful and enthusiastic audiences ever gathered within the walls of the Grand Opera House witnessed "My Sweetheart" last evening. From the rising to the falling of the curtain every song was received with every scene applauded. The principal characters are presented by Miss Minnie Palmer and Mr. R. E. Graham.

#### A Series of Lectures.

Haworth Council No. 56 R. T. of T. have made arrangements with M. J. Fanning, of Jackson, Michigan, to deliver a series of temperance lectures at the tabernacle, commencing Monday, March 20th, and continuing one week. Mr. Fanning comes recommended as one of the leading temperance lecturers of Michigan, and is also highly spoken of at points he has visited in this state. On Monday night the admission will be free; after that a small admission fee of 10 cents will be charged to cover expenses.

March 14-15d

#### PERFECT FIT and satisfaction guaranteed.

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March 9—p. w. t.

#### THE CIRCUIT CLERK'S OFFICE.

An Assistant Employed by Order of the County Board.

Mr. Lewis H. Coon, who served for five years as a Union soldier in the late Rebellion, has been employed by Mr. E. McClellan as an assistant in the office of the circuit clerk and ex-officio recorder of deeds in this county. The employment of an extra clerk was before the board of supervisors at its recent meeting, and what was said and done may be of interest to our city and country readers, most of whom are interested in the matter.

On invitation of Mr. A. T. Hill, chairman of the county board, who had previously satisfied himself that there ought to be an extra clerk in the circuit clerk's office, Master in Chancery John A. Brown appeared before the board of supervisors on Friday last, to make a detailed statement of the condition of the records in the clerk's office. He complied, and stated that owing to the unusual prosperity of the country, in which Macon county shared, the business of the circuit clerk's office has very largely increased, particularly during the past year; that the number of deeds and mortgages now filed for record is sufficient to keep the entire clerical force of the office employed constantly, without reference to other documents being brought in daily to be placed on record. On Thursday last 34 deeds, said Mr. Brown, had been filed for record, and to record these alone would consume three days' time and pay attention to the other business of the office. During the past a person who had filed a deed for record, could not get it after handing it to the clerk until 8 or 10 weeks had elapsed. Mr. Brown produced a decree taken from a package of similar documents over a foot deep; said pile of papers affected the title to over \$250,000 worth of property in the county, which had been unrecorded for the past two years for want of sufficient clerical force. It was stated that the county was entitled to the earnings of the clerk under the law of the state, and it was properly shown that there is no economy in denying the clerk that assistance he should have in order to expedite his work and keep pace with the business of the office. Mr. Brown also stated that the courts of the state had decided that it was lawful for clerks of circuit courts to employ necessary help, but yet Mr. McClellan did not wish to incur this expense without the concurrence of the county board.

After a short discussion by several members, Supervisor McReynolds offered a resolution that Mr. McClellan employ another clerk for six months at \$50 per month, and the resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Coon has been on duty since Monday, and at present is engaged in recording a huge I. D. & S. mortgage of 40 or 50 pages.

#### LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Post Office at Decatur, Macon County, Ill., for week ending March 13, 1882.

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